

its occupant and when it takes half a billion to run for President, who can compete? Mainly the wealthy or those beholden to the wealthy. There is no point dreaming of a law that says "you may not" so long as the political system daily teaches the participants "you must." Until the candidates for office in America are relieved of the costly burden of buying television time, the scandals will grow.●

LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, today I rise to commemorate the staff and governing board of the Ann Arbor District Library for earning distinction as the 1997 Library of the Year. Through their hard work and commitment to the Ann Arbor community, they turned a series of difficult circumstances into a winning outcome, and have recently been recognized by the Library Journal and Gale Research, Inc., for their accomplishments.

The hallmark of their success came through the reorganization of the library's administrative structure while continuing and expanding the library's community service. Through high-speed communications lines, computer training, and expanded programming, the Ann Arbor District Library has served its patrons well by using new technology to give the community greater access to the world.

Although worthy of praise for its past accomplishments, the librarians and staff are committed to continuing this record of improvement. Expansion of staff development programs and a maintained commitment to improving service, the Ann Arbor District Library is one of Michigan's finest examples of the success which can be achieved when local residents band together in pursuit of a common goal. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I would like to give a special thanks for their efforts.●

SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATORY TRADE PRACTICES BY JAPAN RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of Senate Resolution 140 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 140) expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the President's action to eliminate discriminatory trade practices by Japan relating to international shipping.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 140) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 140

Whereas restrictive and discriminatory Japanese port practices have been a significant source of international concern for many years, have increased the cost of transporting goods to and from Japan for American consumers, and all ocean carriers and their customers, and have restricted United States carriers' operations in Japan while Japanese carriers have not faced similar restrictions in the United States;

Whereas for many years the Federal Maritime Commission, and the United States Departments of State and Transportation, have investigated and monitored these practices and urged the Japanese Government to remedy the problems caused by these restrictions; and

Whereas recent actions by the Federal Maritime Commission and negotiations conducted by the Departments of State and Transportation with the Government of Japan have reportedly produced agreements which would, when implemented, reform the Japanese port practices and remedy these problems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate expresses strong support for—

(1) the efforts of the President and executive branch to achieve removal of Japanese port restrictions, and

(2) vigilant, continued monitoring and enforcement by the Federal Maritime Commission of changes in port practices promised by the Japanese Government that will benefit international trade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 323, 341, 342, 343, and 344; I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at this point in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Lieutenant General John A. Gordon, U.S. Air Force, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Joaquin L. G. Salas, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Charles Vincent Serio, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Kenneth Ray McFerran, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Jose Gerardo Troncoso, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1997

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m., Tuesday, October 28. I further ask unanimous consent on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and there be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator WARNER, 5 minutes; Senator GRAMS, 5 minutes; Senator ASHCROFT, 10 minutes; Senator LANDRIEU, 20 minutes; and Senator BINGAMAN, 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent the Senate recess from the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy luncheons to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. ENZI. Tomorrow morning, the Senate will be in a period of morning business from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. At 10 o'clock a.m. under rule XXII, a live quorum will begin. Once a quorum is established, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the modified committee amendment to S. 1173, the highway legislation. Following that vote, the Senate will be in approximately 90 minutes of debate on the Interior appropriations conference report. If all of that time is used, Members can anticipate a second vote at approximately 12:15 tomorrow. Under the previous order, at 12:30 p.m. the Senate will recess for the weekly policy luncheons to meet. Hopefully, when the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will be able to begin consideration of either the Amtrak legislation dealing with the impending strike or Amtrak reform which would address the strike. In addition, the Senate may begin debate on Senator COVERDELL's education IRA legislation, H.R. 2646. Therefore, Members can anticipate rollcall votes throughout Tuesday's session of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:09 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 27, 1997:

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

PETER J. HURTGEN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 27, 2001, VICE JOHN E. HIGGINS, JR.

WILMA B. LIEBMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 1997, VICE MARGARET BROWNING.

WILMA B. LIEBMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 27, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WYCHE FOWLER, JR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

THOMAS S. FOLEY, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAPAN.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN A. GORDON, U.S. AIR FORCE, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

THE JUDICIARY

ALGENON L. MARBLEY, OF OHIO, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOAQUIN L. G. SALAS, OF GUAM, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM AND CONCURRENTLY U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

CHARLES VINCENT SERIO, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

KENNETH RAY MCFERRAN, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JOSE GERARDO TRONCOSO, OF NEVADA, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive messages transmitted by the President to the Senate on October 27, 1997, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HERSHEL WAYNE GOBER, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE JESSE BROWN, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JULY 31, 1997.

ALPHONSO MALDON, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE HERSEL WAYNE GOBER, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1997.